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OLDEST ENEMY
STATE BY STATE
*"The CASE of the
48 JOKERS"*



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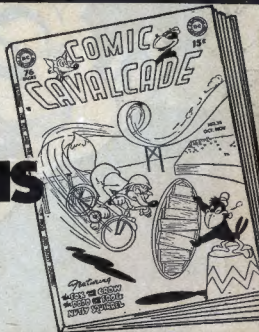
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THRILLS
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BATMAN



BATMAN

WITH

ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

WHAT CAN BE WORSE THAN
ONE JOKER TO HARASS
BATMAN AND ROBIN?
THE ANSWER IS.... A WHOLE
SYNDICATE OF CRIME CLOWNS...
FORTY-EIGHT SINISTER
HARLEQUINS.. ONE FOR EVERY
STATE IN THE UNION!

AND WHEN 48 MADCAP MERCHANTS
OF MALEVOLENT MIRTH ARE ON
THE LOOSE, THEY ADD TO
BATMAN'S WORRIES, SUBTRACT
FROM HIS SLEEP, AND MULTIPLY
HIS TROUBLES! READ HOW THE
ONE AND ONLY ORIGINAL
CRIME CLOWN CREATES A CORPS
OF FELONIOUS FACSIMILIES
IN... "THE CASE OF THE

48 JOKERS!"

HA-HA HO HO
HEE-HEE!



BOB
KANE

ONE AFTERNOON, ON A BOULEVARD IN GOTHAM CITY'S RESIDENTIAL SECTION...



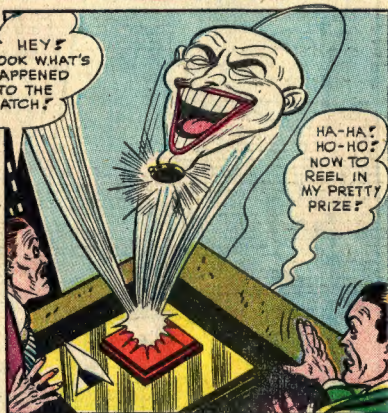
WHILE IN A PENTHOUSE HIGH ABOVE THE JOKER, A GAY PARTY IS IN FULL SWING...



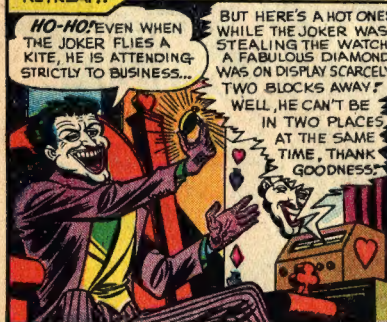
SUDDENLY, THE JOKER'S KITE ZOOMS STRAIGHT FOR THE GLEAMING WATCH ON DISPLAY, AS...



HEY! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE WATCH!

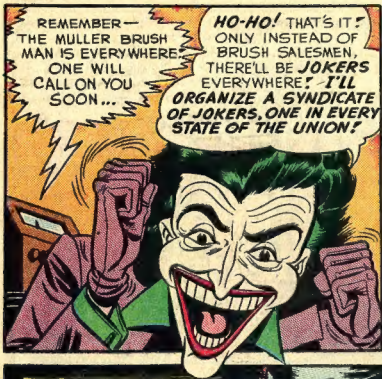


THAT EVENING, IN THE JOKER'S BIZARRE HIDDEN RETREAT...



STUNG BY THE TAUNTING RADIO VOICE...





FINALLY, THE SCHOOL'S ROSTER IS COMPLETE!
ON THE FIRST DAY...

YOUR CLOWN UNIFORMS—AND GREASE
PAINT FOR YOUR MAKE-UP! HA-HA!
THESE WILL GET YOU YOUR
FIRST LAUGHS!



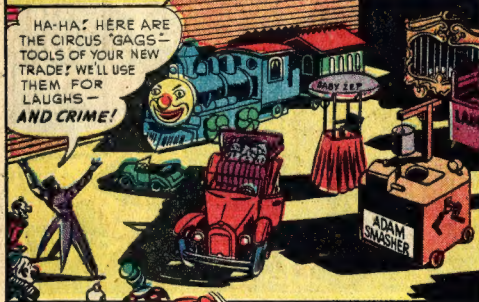
SO DAT'S
WHAT I'M GONNA
LOOK LIKE?
SAY-DIS IS
FUN!

HO-HO! I'LL SAY IT IS!
AND REMEMBER ALWAYS
TO USE THE SAME FACIAL
MAKEUP, FOR THAT IS YOUR
TRADEMARK AS A CLOWN!

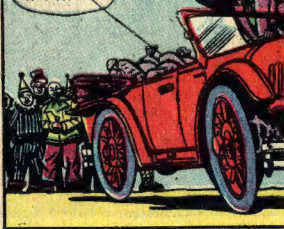


LATER THAT DAY, THE DEAN OF THE CLOWN COLLEGE INSTRUCTS
HIS EAGER PUPILS.

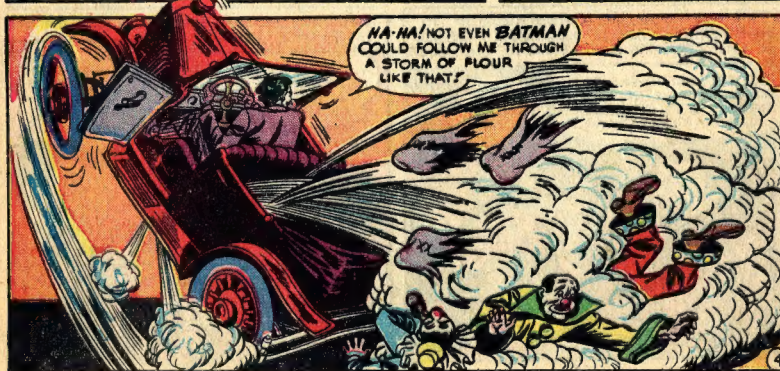
HA-HA! HERE ARE
THE CIRCUS 'GAGS—
TOOLS OF YOUR NEW
TRADE! WE'LL USE
THEM FOR
LAUGHS—
AND CRIME!



I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN!
HERE—I'LL USE THIS CIRCUS JALOPY
AS A GETAWAY CAR,
PRETENDING THAT
YOU'RE THE COPS!
NOW WATCH!
HA-HA!



HA-HA! NOT EVEN BATMAN
COULD FOLLOW ME THROUGH
A STORM OF FLOUR
LIKE THAT!

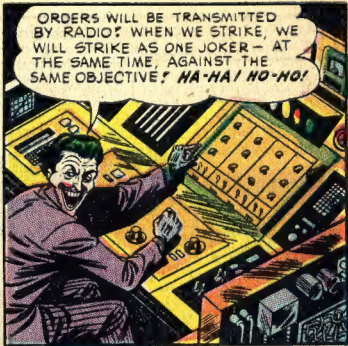


AFTER WEEKS OF HARD TRAINING, THE KING OF CRIME CLOWNS IS READY TO GRADUATE HIS FIRST CLASS!



EACH OF YOU WILL OPERATE IN YOUR OWN TERRITORY—A STATE! WHEN YOU ARE HANDED YOUR DIPLOMAS, LOOK AT THEM! EACH WILL BE A MAP OF A DIFFERENT STATE!

ORDERS WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY RADIO! WHEN WE STRIKE, WE WILL STRIKE AS ONE JOKER—AT THE SAME TIME, AGAINST THE SAME OBJECTIVE! HA-HA! HO-HO!



AND A WEEK LATER, WHEN THE 48 JOKERS ARE POISED ACROSS THE NATION...

THAT NIGHT, THE GREATEST CRIME WAVE IN HISTORY STARTS AS THE JOKER SYNDICATE ATTACKS IN 48 STATES!



THE MUTUAL NATIONAL BANK HAS A BRANCH IN EVERY STATE—WE WILL MOVE AGAINST IT TONIGHT! HO-HO! SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES...



NEXT DAY...

JOKER SYNDICATE ATTACKS!

...JOKER STRIKES IN THIS STATE FOR FIRST TIME!

JOKER JOLTS JERSEY!



AND ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN GOTHAM CITY...

BATMAN, THIS IS OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE! THE SCOPE OF THE JOKER'S CURRENT CRIMES THREATENS THE ENTIRE NATION!

48 JOKERS! HMMM—WE MUST DESTROY THE SYNDICATE BY GETTING AT ITS SOURCE—THE REAL JOKER!

AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR YOU, COMMISSIONER!





AND AS COMMISSIONER GORDON SCANS THE SLIP OF PAPER...

THE JOKER OPERATING IN NEW JERSEY HAS JUST BEEN CAPTURED! SO FAR THIS IS A SECRET, EVEN FROM THE NEWSPAPERS!

HMMM—WE'D BETTER TALK TO THAT FELLOW! WIRE NEW JERSEY TO HOLD HIM INCOMMUNICADO UNTIL **ROBIN** AND I CAN GET THERE!



LATER, IN A SMALL COUNTY JAIL IN NEW JERSEY...

SO, THE NEW JERSEY JOKER IS NONE OTHER THAN DUKE WILSON, A THREE-TIME LOSER!

YOU'D BETTER TALK, DUKE—IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE YOUR HIDE THIS TIME!

OKAY, **BATMAN**—I'LL TALK...



AS THE FRIGHTENED WILSON DIVULGES THE JOKER'S SET-UP, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RACE INTO ACTION...

BUT WHY NOT JUST RAID THE JOKER'S HIDE-OUT? WE KNOW WHERE IT IS NOW...

NO—HE'D HAVE TIME TO BROADCAST A WARNING TO HIS CONFEDERATES! WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE AND THEN TRAP THE ENTIRE GANG!



LIKE A FEARFUL BIRD OF PREY, THE **BATPLANE** WINGS THROUGH THE NIGHT, AS...



THIS IS A BREAK, **ROBIN**! BY GRILLING THIS MEMBER OF THE JOKER'S GANG, WE MAY GET AN INSIGHT INTO THE ENTIRE OPERATION!

AND LATER, IN THE **BATCAVE**, THE **BATMAN** SELECTS A JOKER COSTUME FROM HIS WARD-ROBE OF CRIMINAL DISGUISES...

ACCORDING TO DUKE WILSON, EACH JOKER IS TO REPORT BACK WITH HIS LOOT ON A SPECIFIED DATE. THE NEW JERSEY JOKER IS DUE BACK TOMORROW!

I GET IT! YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE HIS PLACE!





BE ON THE ALERT - I MAY NEED YOU AT ANY TIME! WELL-HOW DO I LOOK ?

WONDERFUL! GOOD LUCK!

PRESENTLY, THE DISGUISED **BATMAN** APPEARS IN THE OFFICE OF THE MASTER JOKER HIMSELF, THE ORIGINAL BOLD BUFFOON...

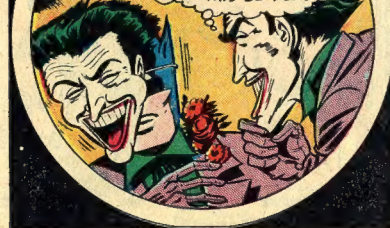
I'VE GOT TO STALL HIM UNTIL I CAN GET TO HIS RADIO EQUIPMENT...

WELCOME, BROTHER JOKER! LET ME CROWN YOU WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL WREATH IN HONOR OF YOUR SUCCESS SMELL THE LOVELY FLOWERS! HA-HA! HO-HO!

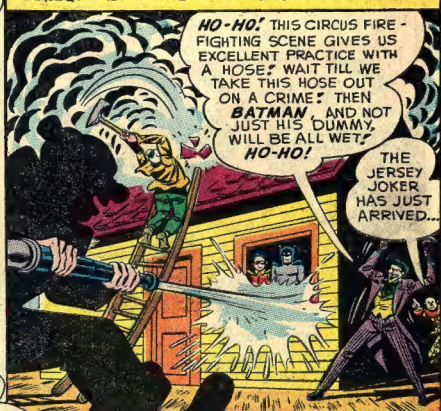


BUT THE VIOLENT SNEEZE HAS LOOSENED **BATMAN'S** JOKER MASK! UNAWARE, HE FACES HIS DEADLIEST ENEMY, AS...

WHY, WHAT'S THIS? IT'S **BATMAN**! AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HIS DISGUISE HAS SLIPPED! HA-HA! WILL THIS BE FUN?



NEXT DAY AT THE CLOWN SCHOOL, WHERE THE SINISTER HARLEQUIN IS PUTTING A NEW CLASS THROUGH ITS PACES...



HO-HO! THIS CIRCUS FIRE-FIGHTING SCENE GIVES US EXCELLENT PRACTICE WITH A HOSE! WAIT TILL WE TAKE THIS HOSE OUT ON A CRIME! THEN **BATMAN**, AND NOT JUST HIS DUMMY, WILL BE ALL WET! HO-HO!

THE JERSEY JOKER HAS JUST ARRIVED...

SUDDENLY...

HA-HA! HO-HO! SNEEZING POWDER! I COULDN'T RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY! HO-HO!



AND BEFORE THE FAMOUS LAWMAN REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED...

SO **BATMAN** WOULD INVADE THE JOKER'S DOMAIN! HO-HO! WE SHALL SEE! HA-HA!





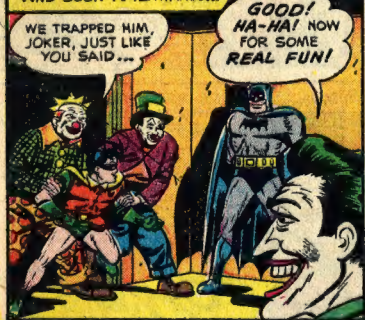
QUICKLY THE JOKER PRESSES HIS ADVANTAGE...



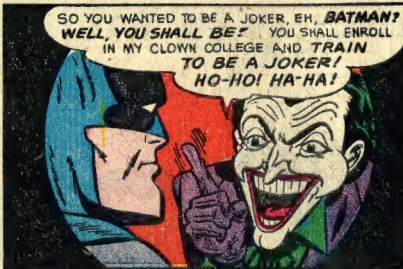
A MOMENT LATER IN THE BATCAVE...



AND SOON AFTERWARDS...

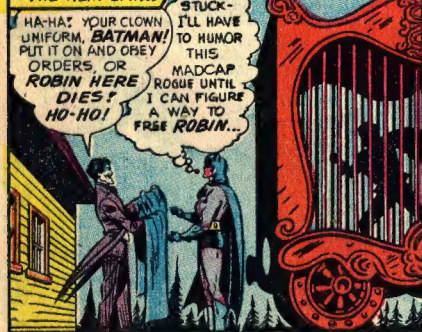


SO YOU WANTED TO BE A JOKER, EH, **BATMAN!**
WELL, YOU SHALL BE! YOU SHALL ENROLL
IN MY CLOWN COLLEGE AND TRAIN
TO BE A JOKER!
HO-HO! HA-HA!



AND AS **BATMAN** DONS HIS SPECIAL UNIFORM, WHICH
IS A GROTESQUE IMITATION OF HIS OWN COSTUME...

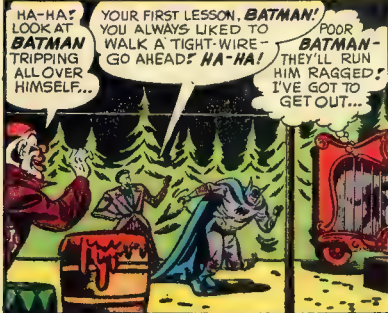
THE NEXT DAY...



HO-HO!
THIS IS
MARVELOUS!
LOOK AT
BATMAN,
THE
CLOWN!



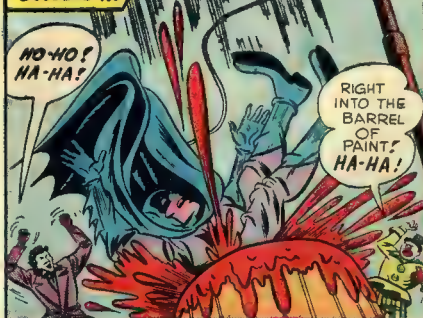
THEN, AS **BATMAN'S** CLOWN TRAINING BEGINS...



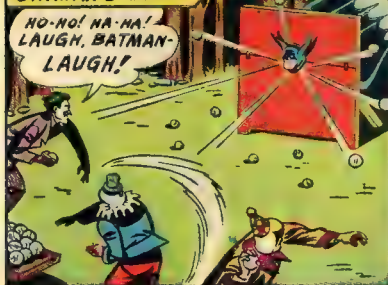
AS THE HELPLESS LAWMAN SLOWLY WALKS THE WIRE,

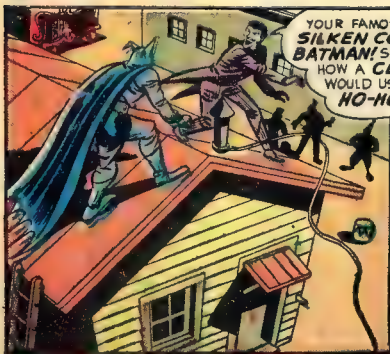


SUDDENLY...



RELENTLESSLY, THE JOKER CONTINUES TO PLAGUE **BATMAN**, WHILE **ROBIN** TRIES UNSUCCESSFULLY TO EFFECT THE ESCAPE THAT WOULD FREE **BATMAN'S** HANDS...





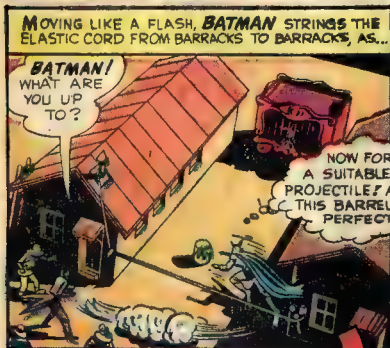
YOUR FAMOUS
SILKEN CORD,
BATMAN! SHOW US
HOW A **CLOWN**
WOULD USE IT!
HO-HO!



AND, AS **BATMAN** STARTS THE DESCENT
DOWN THE CORD...

AN
ELASTIC
CORD? **HAPPY**
LANDINGS,
BATMAN!
HA-HA!

ELASTIC? HMMM—LIKE
A HUGE
RUBBER
BAND? THAT GIVES
ME AN
IDEA...



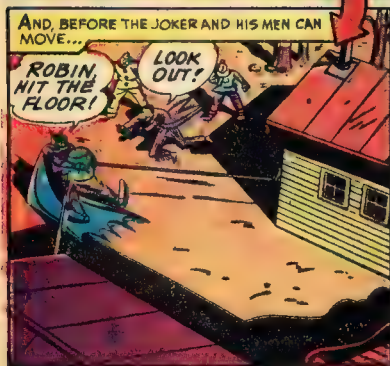
MOVING LIKE A FLASH, **BATMAN** STRINGS THE
ELASTIC CORD FROM BARRACKS TO BARRACKS, AS...

BATMAN!
WHAT ARE
YOU UP
TO?

NOW FOR
A SUITABLE
PROJECTILE? AHH—
THIS BARREL IS
PERFECT...



THE ENORMOUS SLING-SHOT HURLS THE BARREL
STRAIGHT TO ITS TARGET!

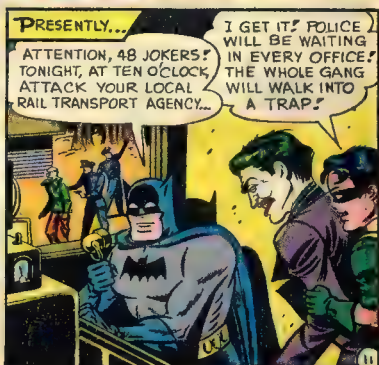
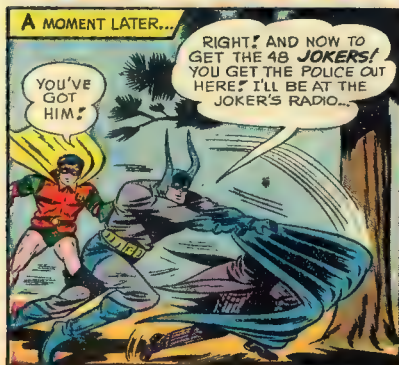


AND, BEFORE THE JOKER AND HIS MEN CAN
MOVE...

ROBIN,
HIT THE
FLOOR!

**LOOK
OUT!**

THE
BARS ARE
SMASHED!
I'M
FREE!



AN HOUR LATER...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JAIL JUST YET, JOKER! I'M FIXING UP A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU, WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON'S PERMISSION...

WE CALL IT A **PRANK ROOM**, JOKER! WAIT TILL YOU SEE!



AND WHEN THE PRANK ROOM IS COMPLETED...

ONE OF THOSE EXITS IS A REAL EXIT, JOKER—THE REST ARE BLINDS! YOU'D BETTER HURRY AND FIND THE RIGHT WAY OUT...

...BECAUSE AS LONG AS YOU STAY IN HERE WE'RE GOING TO USE YOU AS A PUNCHING BAG!



QUICKLY, THE FRIGHTENED JOKER RUNS FOR A DOOR, AS...

WRONG DOOR, JOKER! TRY AGAIN—HA-HA!

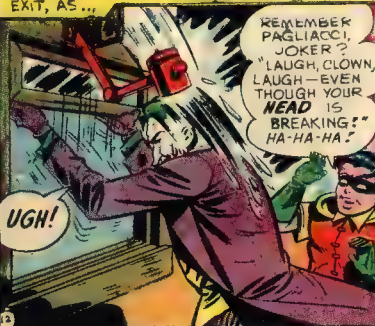


‘GASP!’
‘GULP!’

WHY DON'T YOU **LAUGH, JOKER? LAUGH!**

IN DESPERATION, THE JOKER SEEKS YET ANOTHER EXIT, AS...

REMEMBER PAGLIAICCI, JOKER? “LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH—EVEN THOUGH YOUR **HEAD** IS BREAKING!” HA-HA-HA!



UGH!

AND AT LAST THE JOKER QUITS, AS HE BEGS FOR MERCY...

BAH! ‘GASP!’ SOOT! ENOUGH, **BATMAN** ENOUGH! I BEG YOU TO TAKE ME TO JAIL!

WITH PLEASURE, JOKER! BY NOW THE REST OF YOUR SYNDICATE AWAITS YOU IN THE GOTHAM CITY JAIL!



MARKING A FITTING END TO THE 48 JOKERS!

THE END

BOUDREAU

NAMED
"ATHLETE OF THE YEAR"
IN '48

VOTED AMERICAN
LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER, MGR. LOU
BOUDREAU LED HIS
CLEVELAND INDIANS
TO '48 WORLD
SERIES VICTORY.

A BRILLIANT ALL-AROUND FIELDER,
LOU TOPPED BIG LEAGUE SHORTSTOPS
WITH .975 PERCENTAGE. ALSO
SPARKED INDIANS AT PLATE WITH
.355 BATTING AVERAGE.

NOW WHEN THIS PLAY
COMES UP - WE'LL CALL
TIME OUT FOR MORE
WHEATIES!

"GIVE ME A BOWLFUL OF MILK, FRUIT AND
WHEATIES AND I KNOW I'M STARTING MY
BREAKFAST RIGHT," SAYS CHAMP BOUDREAU.
"WHOLE WHEAT NOURISHMENT IS GOOD IN
ANY SEASON, AND THAT WHEATIES
FLAVOR TAKES TOP HONORS WITH
ME MORNING AFTER MORNING."

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

WITH MILK AND FRUIT

WORLD'S
CHAMPIONS

FOLLOW
ME,
BOUDREAU!

YA OUGHTA
TRY THESE,
CHUM!

ONE OF
BASEBALL'S
KEENEST
STRATEGISTS,
BOUDREAU TOOK ON
DOUBLE ROLE OF
PLAYER AND
MANAGER WHEN
ONLY 24 YEARS
OLD!

SWELL
TRAINING
DISH!



THE CASE OF THE
50 YEAR OLD CLUE

DASHIELL HAMMETT'S

Adventures of SAM SPADE

Howard Duff who plays Sam Spade in "The Adventures of Sam Spade" on CBS Sunday evenings can now be seen with Yvonne De Carlo in "Celamity Jane and Sam Spade" a Universal International picture in Technicolor.

DETECTIVE SAM SPADE IS INVESTIGATING A KIDNAPPING. HIS ONLY CLUE IS THE RANSOM NOTE WRITTEN ON A PIECE OF WALL-PAPER

WHY, SAM I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WITH YOUR HAIR DOWN BEFORE

I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS FAR FROM MY BOTTLE OF WILDROOT CREAM-OIL. BABY 'QUET NOW!



HERE, SAM-GOT IT AT THE CORNER DRUG STORE

HOLD IT, FELLOWS I CAN'T LOOK LIKE A HERO WITHOUT WILDROOT CREAM-OIL ON MY HAIR

HOW DID YOU EVER SUSPECT THAT OLD HOUSE, SAM?

JUST A HUNCH! THAT RANSOM NOTE WAS WRITTEN ON 50 YEAR OLD WALLPAPER AND THE OLD DAVIS MANSION HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1903



SAM SPADE ASKS:
CAN YOUR SCALP PASS THE
FINGERNAIL TEST?



TRY IT! SCRATCH YOUR HEAD IF YOU FIND SIGNS OF DRYNESS AND LOOSE, JINGLY CANDRUFF, YOU NEED WILDROOT CREAM-OIL HAIR TONIC NON-ALCOHOLIC...CONTAINS SOOTHING LANOLIN



EFFIE SAYS:



SMART GIRLS USE WILDROOT CREAM-OIL FOR QUICK GROOMING AND FOR RELIEVING DRYNESS BETWEEN PERMANENTS. MOTHERS FIND IT WONDERFUL FOR TRAINING CHILDREN'S HAIR



BATMAN

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WITH
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-THE BOY WONDER-

FATE CASTS MEN IN MANY
STRANGE ROLES; BRINGING
THEM CAREERS ON WHICH
THEY MIGHT NEVER EMBARK.
TO BRUCE WAYNE,

THE BATMAN,
FATE IS PARTICULARLY TRICKY—
WHEN, DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES
BEYOND HIS CONTROL, THE
GREATEST LAWMAN IN THE
WORLD BECOMES...

**"BRUCE WAYNE,
ROOKIE
POLICEMAN!"**



BOB
KANE



ONE OF THE GREAT TRADITIONS OF THE GOTHAM CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CENTERS ABOUT PATROLMAN'S SHIELD #50505--THE FAMOUS "GLORY-BADGE"...

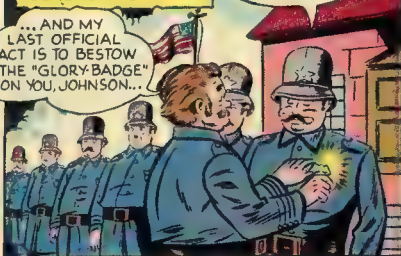


FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, THIS BADGE HAS BEEN WORN WITH DISTINCTION BY AN UNBROKEN SUCCESSION OF BLUE-UNIFORMED HEROES...

TRADITIONALLY, THE BADGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HANDED DOWN, IN PERSON, FROM MAN TO MAN, IN PROUD CEREMONIES...

THANK YOU, SIR. MAY I WEAR IT AS GALLANTLY AS YOU HAVE.

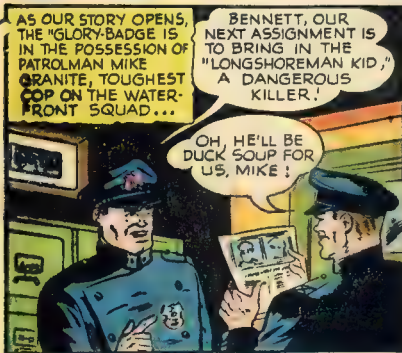
...AND MY LAST OFFICIAL ACT IS TO BESTOW THE "GLORY-BADGE" ON YOU, JOHNSON...



AS OUR STORY OPENS, THE "GLORY-BADGE" IS IN THE POSSESSION OF PATROLMAN MIKE GRANITE, TOUGHEST COP ON THE WATER-FRONT SQUAD...

BENNETT, OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT IS TO BRING IN THE "LONGSHOREMAN KID," A DANGEROUS KILLER!

OH, HE'LL BE DUCK SOUP FOR US, MIKE!



THAT EVENING...

LET'S SPLIT UP, MIKE--YOU TAKE ONE SIDE, I'LL TAKE THE OTHER. WE'LL GET HIM FOR SURE.

HERE WE ARE. AS CLOSE AS I CAN FIGURE, THE KID IS HOLED UP SOMEWHERE IN THESE THREE SQUARE BLOCKS.



RELUCTANT TO SPLIT HIS FORCES, THE OLDER, WISER COP IS FINALLY SWAYED BY BENNETT'S YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM...

OKAY--WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR PLAN--BUT BE CAREFUL!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MIKE!

ACME FURS WAREHOUSE





MEANWHILE, A SLUMMING PARTY OF GOTHAM CITY SOCIALITES HAPPENS UPON THIS LAWLESS SECTOR. INCLUDED IN THE GROUP IS BRUCE WAYNE, **THE BATMAN**.

ISN'T THIS JUST TOO RUGGED FOR WORDS, BRUCE?



SUDDENLY...

SHOTS!
THAT
POLICEMAN—
HE'S BEEN HIT!

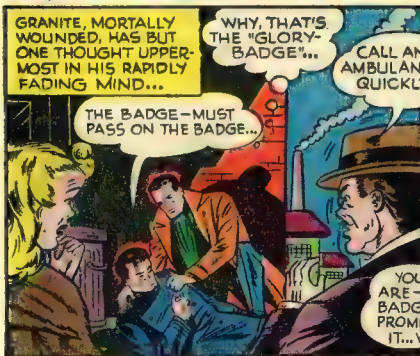


GRANITE, MORTALLY WOUNDED, HAS BUT ONE THOUGHT UPPER-MOST IN HIS RAPIDLY FADING MIND...

WHY, THAT'S THE "GLORY-BADGE"...

CALL AN AMBULANCE! QUICKLY!

THE BADGE—MUST PASS ON THE BADGE...



I PROMISE...

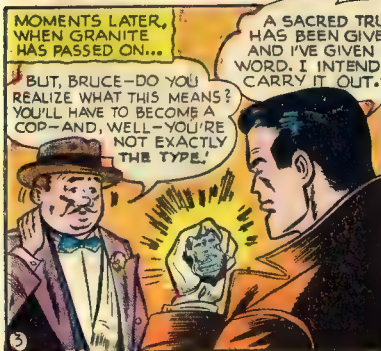
YOU—WHOEVER YOU ARE—MUST TAKE THIS BADGE—KEEP IT ALIVE. PROMISE ME YOU'LL WEAR IT... WITH HONOR. PROMISE...



MOMENTS LATER, WHEN GRANITE HAS PASSED ON...

A SACRED TRUST HAS BEEN GIVEN ME—AND I'VE GIVEN MY WORD. I INTEND TO CARRY IT OUT.

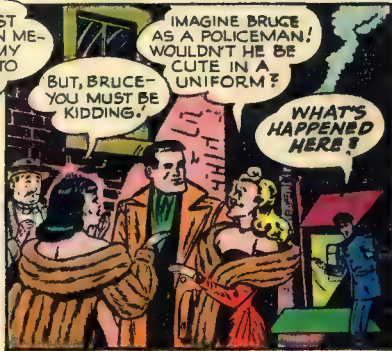
BUT, BRUCE—DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? YOU'LL HAVE TO BECOME A COP—AND, WELL—YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY THE TYPE!



BUT, BRUCE—YOU MUST BE KIDDING!

IMAGINE BRUCE AS A POLICEMAN! WOULDN'T HE BE CUTE IN A UNIFORM?

WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?



THE SHOCKED BENNETT'S GRIEF TURNS TO REMORSE, AS...

BUT THIS ISN'T RIGHT! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO MIKE—IT WAS MY FAULT. IT'S UP TO ME TO SQUARE IT... AND I SHOULD HAVE THAT BADGE...

I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL, OFFICER, BUT...



SLOWLY BRUCE EXPLAINS, AND...

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. MIKE HANDED YOU THE BADGE, THEN YOU MUST WEAR IT. BUT MISTER—YOU'D BETTER BE ONE FINE COP.

ISN'T THIS TERRIFIC? I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE PAPERS!



AND, THE NEXT DAY...

Gotham Globe
SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE JOINS POLICE FORCE; CAFE SOCIETY AGOG!
REGULATIONS RELAXED TO PERMIT SPEEDY ENTRY OF "GLORY-BADGE" WEARER.



THAT EVENING... IN THE PALATIAL HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON.

GOSH, BRUCE—YOU'RE A REAL COP! I BET YOU NEVER EXPECTED THIS!

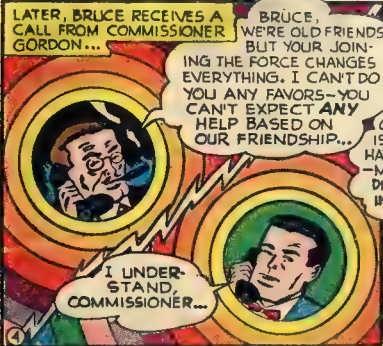
WELL, DICK—AS BATMAN AND ROBIN YOU AND I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN "POLICEMEN." HAVEN'T WE? I'LL JUST BE WEARING A DIFFERENT UNIFORM...



LATER, BRUCE RECEIVES A CALL FROM COMMISSIONER GORDON...

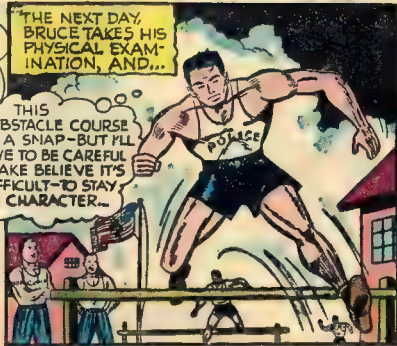
BRUCE, WE'RE OLD FRIENDS, BUT YOUR JOINING THE FORCE CHANGES EVERYTHING. I CAN'T DO YOU ANY FAVORS—YOU CAN'T EXPECT ANY HELP BASED ON OUR FRIENDSHIP...

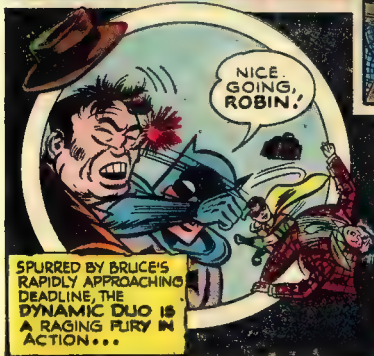
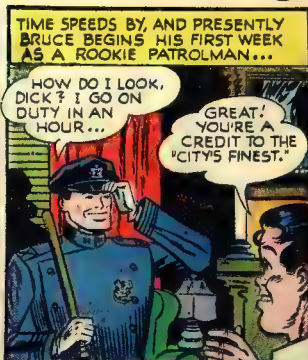
I UNDERSTAND, COMMISSIONER...

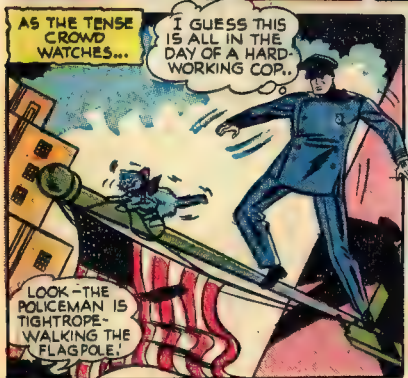
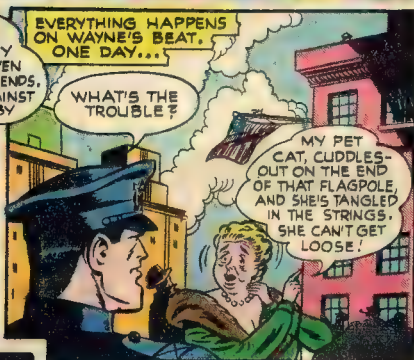
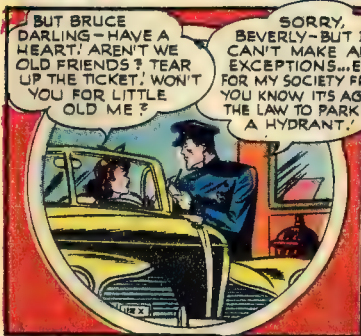
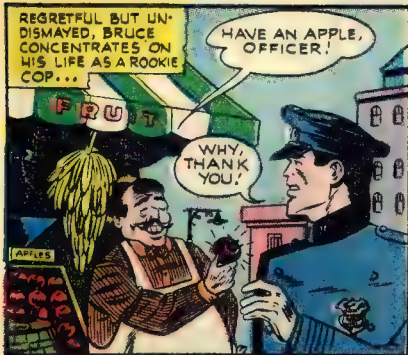


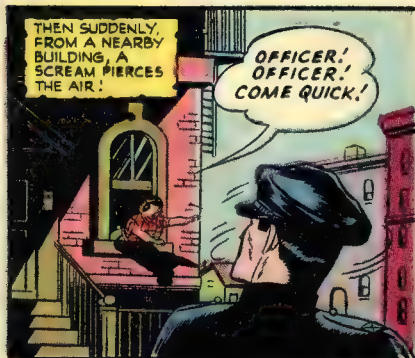
THE NEXT DAY, BRUCE TAKES HIS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, AND...

THIS OBSTACLE COURSE IS A SNAP—BUT I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL—MAKE BELIEVE IT'S DIFFICULT—TO STAY IN CHARACTER...









THEN SUDDENLY, FROM A NEARBY BUILDING, A SCREAM PIERCES THE AIR!

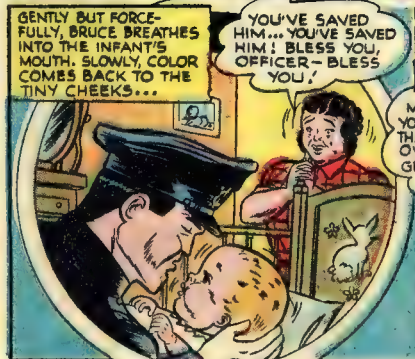
OFFICER! OFFICER! COME QUICK!



OFFICER WAYNE RACES TO THE RESCUE, AS...

MY LITTLE BABY—HE'S—HE'S STOPPED BREATHING... (SOB) I'M AFRAID...

GIVE ME THAT CHILD!



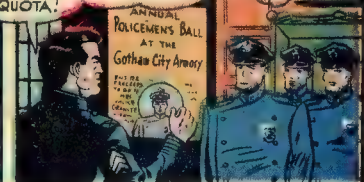
GENTLY BUT FORCEFULLY, BRUCE BREATHES INTO THE INFANT'S MOUTH. SLOWLY, COLOR COMES BACK TO THE TINY CHEEKS...

YOU'VE SAVED HIM... YOU'VE SAVED HIM! BLESS YOU, OFFICER—BLESS YOU!

AND WHAT POLICEMAN'S LIFE WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THE CHORE OF SELLING TICKETS FOR A POLICEMEN'S BALL?

I'M NOT MUCH GOOD AT SELLING TICKETS, BUT I WAS ALWAYS GOOD AT BUYING THEM. AS BRUCE WAYNE, I CAN AFFORD TO BUY A THOUSAND!

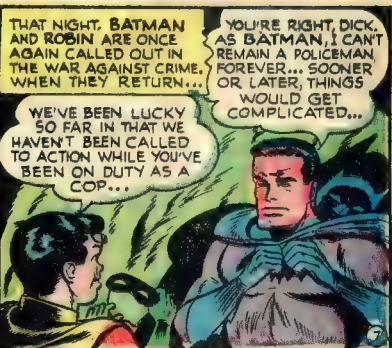
MEN, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE PUT THIS YEAR'S BALL OVER. I WANT ALL OF YOU TO GET OUT AND SELL YOUR FULL QUOTA!



THE NEXT DAY...

THIS IS AMAZING, WAYNE! YOU'RE THE GREATEST SALESMAN ON THE FORCE. HOW DID YOU GET RID OF ALL THOSE TICKETS?

OH, IT'S EASY, SARGE—WHEN YOU KNOW HOW!



THAT NIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE ONCE AGAIN CALLED OUT IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME. WHEN THEY RETURN...

WE'VE BEEN LUCKY SO FAR IN THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED TO ACTION WHILE YOU'VE BEEN ON DUTY AS A COP...

YOU'RE RIGHT, DICK. AS BATMAN, I CAN'T REMAIN A POLICEMAN FOREVER... SOONER OR LATER, THINGS WOULD GET COMPLICATED...

NEXT MORNING...

BUT YOU'RE STILL ONLY A ROOKIE COP. THEY'D NEVER ASSIGN YOU TO THE WATERFRONT SQUAD.

I'VE THOUGHT IT OVER, DICK. TO BRING MY CAREER AS A PATROLMAN TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION, I MUST, WITH BENNETT'S HELP, CAPTURE THE "LONGSHOREMAN KID".

I THINK I **CAN** BE ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH BENNETT. I HAVE A PLAN WHICH YOU AND I WILL PUT INTO ACTION TONIGHT AS **BATMAN AND ROBIN**.

AND LATE THAT NIGHT...

THE POLICE ARE SURE THAT THE "KID" USES THESE TRUCKS FOR HIS HIJACKING JOBS AND THEN RETURNS THEM TO THIS INNOCENT-LOOKING MOTOR POOL. BUT THERE'S NO PROOF. THE "KID" KNOWS WHEN THEY'RE BEING WATCHED AND DOESN'T USE THEM...

YOU MEAN, IF WE COULD FOLLOW THESE TRUCKS UNOBSERVED, WE'D FIND THE "KID'S" HIDEOUT? SAY, WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND?

A LITTLE GADGET THAT'S GOING TO PERMIT US TO, IN YOUR WORDS, FOLLOW THESE TRUCKS UNOBSERVED!

I GET IT! WE'LL SYNCHRONIZE OURS WITH THE MOTOR OF THE TRUCK AND OBTAIN PHOTOS OF ITS ROUTE!

THIS IS A MOVIE CAMERA OF THE TYPE USED BY THE AIR FORCE IN ITS FIGHTER PLANES. IT WAS SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE MACHINE GUNS AND TOOK PICTURES OF EVERY TARGET FIRED UPON.

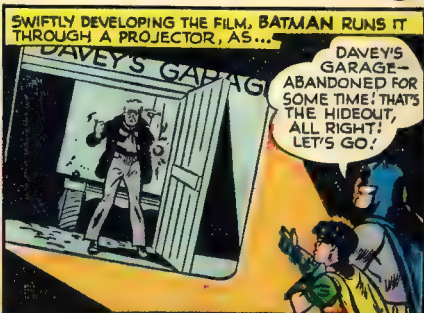
A FEW NIGHTS LATER...

THE "KID" STRUCK LAST NIGHT, ROBIN. LET'S HOPE HE USED THOSE TRUCKS, AND THAT OUR CAMERA WAS ON THE BEAM!



THIS TRUCK WENT SOMEPLACE! THE FILM IN THE CAMERA IS ALMOST COMPLETELY USED UP!

LET'S HURRY BACK TO THE CRIME LAB. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THESE MOVIES!

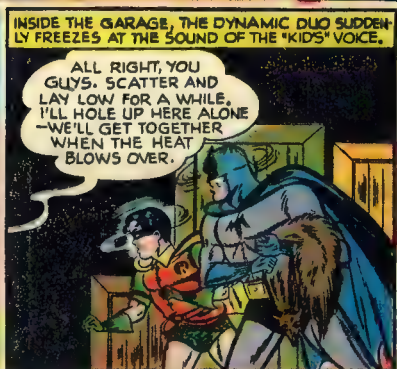


SWIFTLY DEVELOPING THE FILM, BATMAN RUNS IT THROUGH A PROJECTOR, AS...

DAVEY'S GARAGE—ABANDONED FOR SOME TIME! THAT'S THE HIDEOUT, ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!

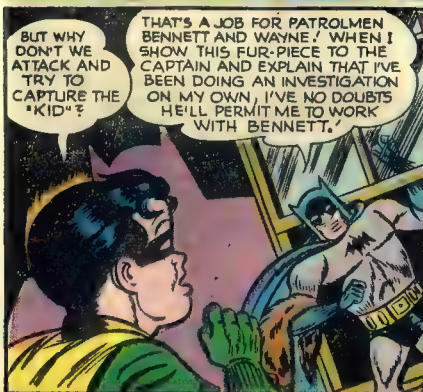


THOSE ARE THE FURS THAT WERE HIJACKED LAST NIGHT! COME ON, ROBIN—WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ONE AS A SOUVENIR!



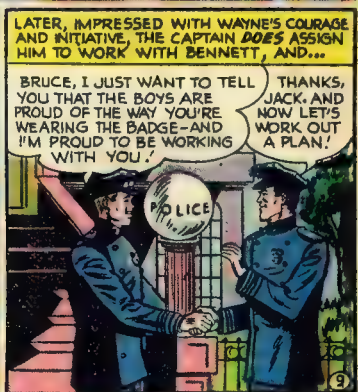
INSIDE THE GARAGE, THE DYNAMIC DUO SUDDENLY FREEZES AT THE SOUND OF THE "KID'S" VOICE.

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS. SCATTER AND LAY LOW FOR A WHILE. I'LL HOLE UP HERE ALONE—WE'LL GET TOGETHER WHEN THE HEAT BLOWS OVER.



BUT WHY DON'T WE ATTACK AND TRY TO CAPTURE THE "KID"?

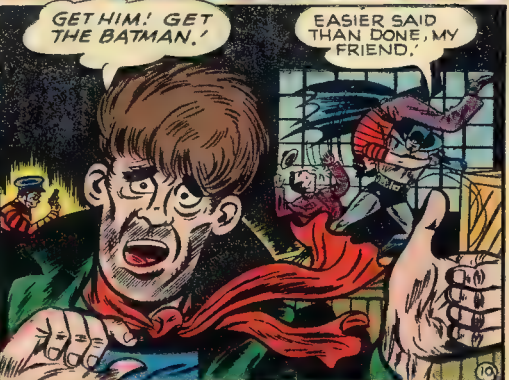
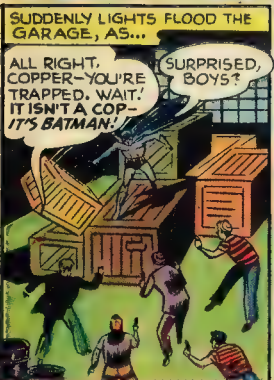
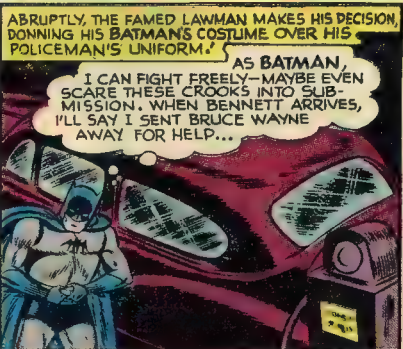
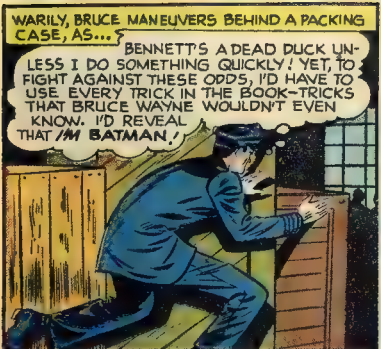
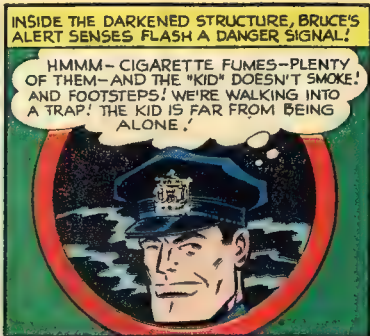
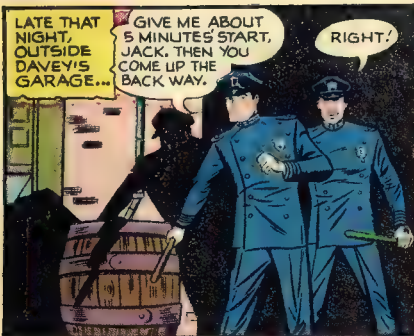
THAT'S A JOB FOR PATROLMEN BENNETT AND WAYNE! WHEN I SHOW THIS FUR-PIECE TO THE CAPTAIN AND EXPLAIN THAT I'VE BEEN DOING AN INVESTIGATION ON MY OWN, I'VE NO DOUBTS HE'LL PERMIT ME TO WORK WITH BENNETT.

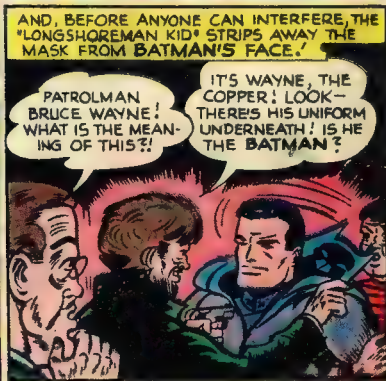
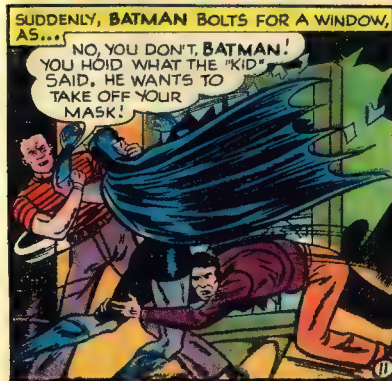
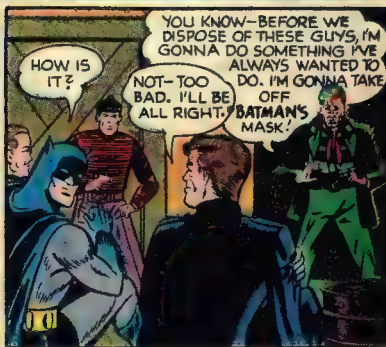


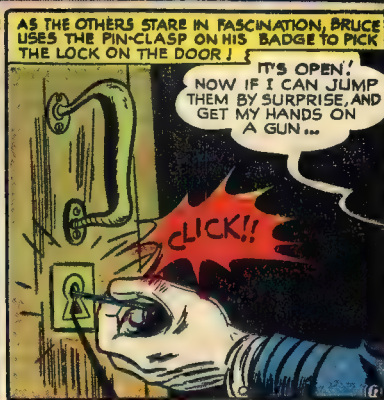
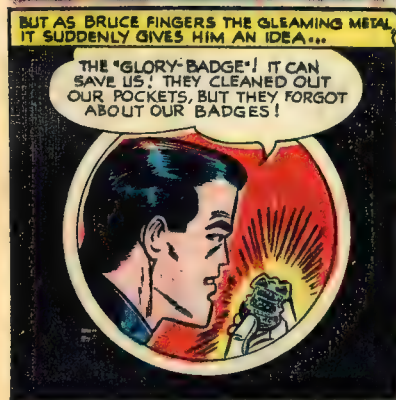
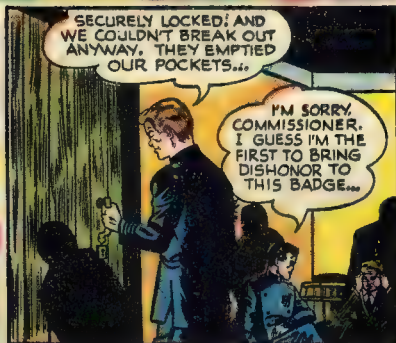
LATER, IMPRESSED WITH WAYNE'S COURAGE AND INITIATIVE, THE CAPTAIN DOES ASSIGN HIM TO WORK WITH BENNETT, AND...

BRUCE, I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THE BOYS ARE PROUD OF THE WAY YOU'RE WEARING THE BADGE—AND I'M PROUD TO BE WORKING WITH YOU!

THANKS, JACK. AND NOW LET'S WORK OUT A PLAN!









THINKING THEIR QUARRY SECURE, THE "KID" AND HIS MEN FALL VICTIM TO BRUCE'S LIGHTNING MOVE...

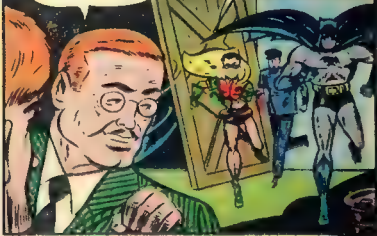
ALL RIGHT, REACH!
THIS IS THE LAW TALKING!
COMMISSIONER, TIE 'EM
UP!



SUDDENLY...

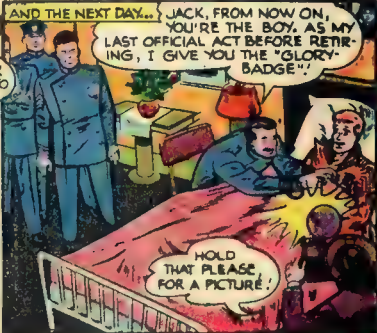
BATMAN
AND ROBIN, IT'S
ABOUT TIME YOU
GOT HERE.

WE ARRIVED AT THE
POLICE STATION AFTER
YOU LEFT. SO WE
FOLLOWED YOU
DOWN HERE...



BATMAN, YOU HAD AN
IMPOSTOR HERE TONIGHT. HE
WASN'T SO HOT AS BATMAN,
BUT AS PATROLMAN BRUCE WAYNE
HE WAS TERRIFIC. BRUCE, I THINK
YOU'VE FOUND YOUR NICHE IN
LIFE. HOW ABOUT STAYING ON
THE FORCE?

NO, THANK YOU, SIR.
I WAS JUST VERY
LUCKY. I'VE DONE
MY JOB--AND I
THINK NOW I'D BETTER
LEAVE POLICE WORK TO
CHAPS
LIKE
BENNETT
HERE.



AND THE NEXT DAY... JACK, FROM NOW ON,
YOU'RE THE BOY, AS MY
LAST OFFICIAL ACT BEFORE RETIR-
ING, I GIVE YOU THE "GLORY"
BADGE!

HOLD
THAT PLEASE
FOR A PICTURE!

THAT NIGHT... WELL, ALL'S WELL
THAT ENDS WELL.
FOR A WHILE, THOUGH, IT LOOKED
LIKE THE END OF BATMAN. IF
I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO SCUTTLE
MY UTILITY BELT WHEN I MADE A
BREAK FOR THAT WINDOW IN THE
GARAGE, THE SECRET WOULD
HAVE BEEN OUT.

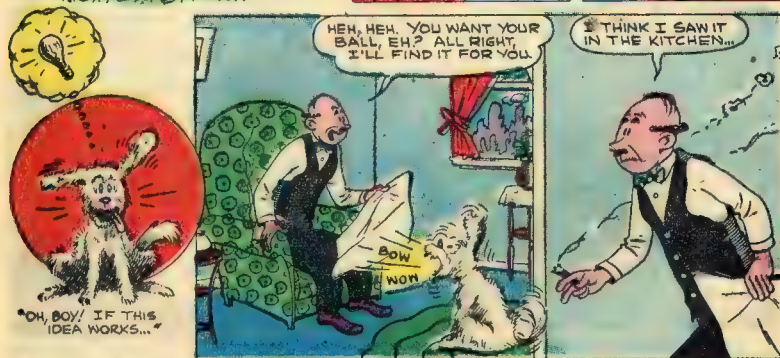
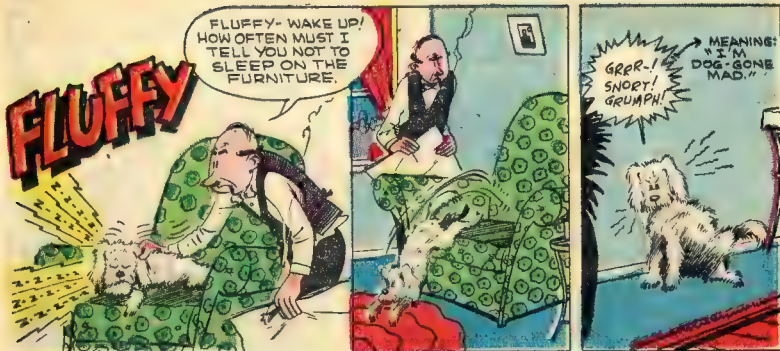


YES, EVERYTHING WORKED OUT
FINE. WHEN GORDON KEPT
SIGNALING FOR YOU, THOUGH,
AND YOU WEREN'T AROUND,
ALFRED HAD TO SUBSTITUTE
AS BATMAN.

IT'S FUNNY,
TOO. GORDON
IS CONVINCED
THAT I WAS
IMPERSONATING
BATMAN--AND
I WAS, WEREN'T
I?



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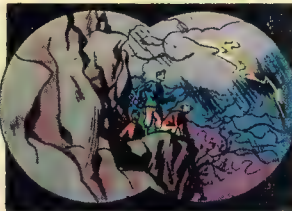
LOOK! THERE'S
A RED FLARE UP
NEAR THE TOP OF
MOUNT GIANT!

AN EMERGENCY
SIGNAL!

IT'S THAT
PARTY OF MOUNTAIN
CLIMBERS. THEY'RE
IN TROUBLE!



CAN YOU SEE
ANYTHING?



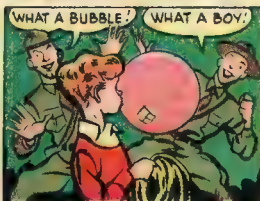
THREE OF THEM
STRANDED ON
LOOKOUT LEDGE...
THEIR ROPE'S GONE!
THEY'LL NEVER GET
DOWN WITHOUT ONE.

AND WE
CAN'T REACH
THEM
BEFORE THE
STORM
BREAKS!



HERE'S
WHERE I
CAME IN!

IF WE COULD ONLY
GET THEM A NEW
CLIMBING ROPE!

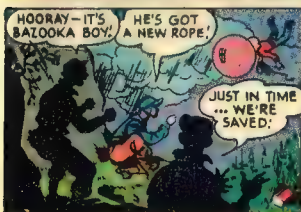


WHAT A BUBBLE?

WHAT A BOY!



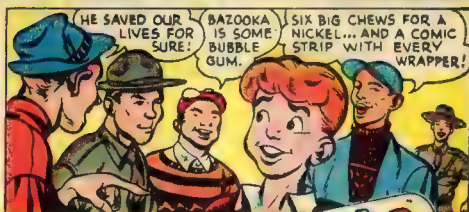
NOW I'M RIGHT OVER THEM!
AKOOZAB! AND DOWN
I GO!



HOORAY—IT'S
BAZOOKA BOY!

HE'S GOT
A NEW ROPE!

JUST IN TIME
... WE'RE
SAVED!



HE SAVED OUR
LIVES FOR
SURE!

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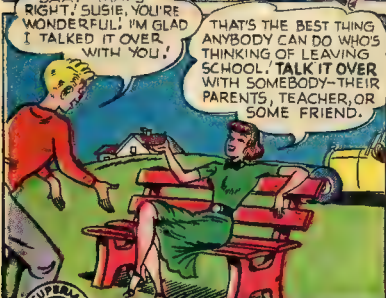
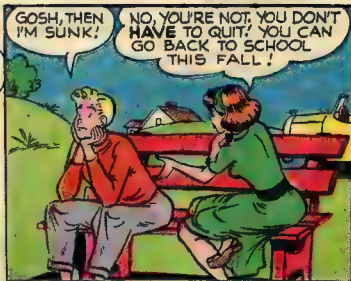
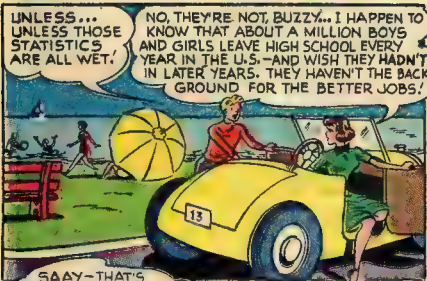
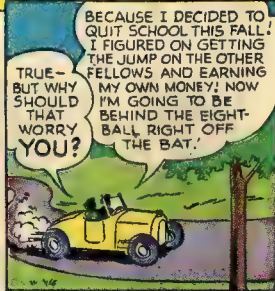
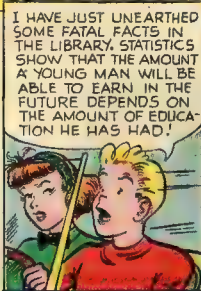
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IT'S YOUR FUTURE

DO you know about the nation-wide Science Talent Search that was started back in 1942? Did you know that science talent, like movie talent, is discovered by effective "scouting?"

The Search was born of the idea that the ability of America to turn out topflight scientists depends upon the discovery of scientific ability among boys and girls in high school.

The Search is open to any high school senior—boy or girl—in the United States. Each year about 15,000 youngsters have entered the competition. This opportunity for science-minded students all over the country has been provided by Science Service and is supported by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

High school seniors enter the competition in September of each year and are notified of the results sometime in February. Forty finalists are then brought to Washington where they attend a five-day Science Talent Institute during which they meet some of the nation's outstanding scientists, learn of scientific developments and visit places of scientific and national interest. During these five days, the forty lucky finalists compete for the \$11,000 in scholarships.

In order to qualify, there are four hurdles to surmount. First, there is a three-hour exam to test the entrant's understanding of science. This is a test of one's apti-

tude for thinking scientifically rather than a test of how many facts one knows.

Secondly, students must submit an original, 1,000-word essay on "My Scientific Project."

Third, teachers and other school authorities furnish a transcript of the student's scholarship records plus a statement on the student's abilities. All this occurs in December of each year.

Fourth, the data is carefully sifted and inspected. The original number of entrants who fill all requirements are reduced by elimination to 600, then to 300, and finally to 40.

After the forty arrive in Washington, they are interviewed by a four-man board, consisting of the nation's top educators and scientists. Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory is chairman. The interviews of the forty finalists by the four men determine the scholarship awards. To the most promising boy or girl is awarded top honors—the four-year, \$2,800 scholarship. There is a second place \$2,000 award; eight \$400 scholarships; the remaining \$3,000 of the total \$11,000 is awarded at the discretion of the judges.

In addition to the business at hand, the youngsters have time to play, too. They are received at the White House by the President and his wife. They meet the scientists in whose footsteps they hope to follow. They stage a hobby show for each

other and for invited guests. And they ~~sightsee~~ Washington thoroughly.

And now to take a look at some of the winners of the Search during the past years.

Medical research is a field that has attracted the interest of many finalists. Paul E. Teschan, of Shorewood, Wis., top boy finalist in the first quest in 1942, was graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School where he studied the response of the central nervous system to controlled heat changes, as a method of treating certain diseases. He also assisted in research on the causes of cancer, and studied the effects of infantile paralysis on children.

Marilyn Rohrer experimented with guinea pigs in the summer at the State Crippled Children's Hospital in her home town of Elizabeth, Pa. Marilyn, who plays a "hot" trumpet and is interested in brain surgery, is studying the use of tridione, the new synthetic anticonvulsant drug, for the treatment of epilepsy.

Two of the other girl finalists who are preparing for medical careers are Alice Dale, of Columbia, Tenn., who attended Vanderbilt University at Nashville, and Nancy Stafford, of Watertown, N. Y., who is at Radcliffe College doing work preparatory to specializing in neuropsychiatry.

From Altadena, comes this year's top winner, 17-year-old Dwight Willard Taylor. During three summers on Nantucket, an island off the Massachusetts coast, he collected 120 different species of mollusks. Previously only 46 species were known there. He believes his survey, compared with studies of fossil remains in the area, will yield valuable information about long-range climatic changes on the island. Dwight is currently investigating mollusks in the vicinity of the Webb School, at Claremont, where he is a senior. He's on the school paper and annual, a member of the stamp club, the Boy Scouts and the American Malacological Union (malacological means pertaining to the science of mollusks). In addition to his work with fossils and mollusks, he likes to play tennis

and badminton. Dwight plans to attend the University of Michigan.

Caroline Littlejohn, 16, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is the second winner. Since she is interested in a career in mathematical physics, her Science Talent Search essay was devoted to her researches in the mathematical theory of relativity. Caroline studied differential and integral calculus outside of school to help her progress in physical chemistry. She also is interested in biology, and has dissected gophers, fish, snakes and ducks to learn anatomical similarities and differences. First in her class of 520 at Classen Senior High School, she graduated this May, and plans to go to Barnard College in New York. Outside of class, she belongs to Science Clubs of America, the Junior Academy of Science, the German Club, the Campfire Girls, and is an honorary junior member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The third winner, who was also named as alternate for the top award, is Pierre Connor, of Lafayette, La. He built a Hilsch tube, which produces hot air from one end and cold from the other. Though the action of Hilsch tubes has not yet been satisfactorily explained, Pierre has his own theory about it. He thinks such tubes will be useful in jet airplanes, where they might be made to cool cockpits and melt ice from wings at the same time.

A senior at Cathedral High School in Lafayette, Pierre has his eye on a career in medical research. He plans to attend Tulane University or Johns Hopkins. In addition to his Hilsch tube work, he has experimented successfully with the separation of protein from yeast. President of his 4-H Club, he is also a Boy Scout, a member of the Junior Academy of Science and Science Clubs of America, debates and writes for the school paper. He is the first finalist from Louisiana to place in the Science Talent Search.

These are the young people who will help to build America's scientific manpower and whose talents will be devoted to the welfare of the nation and the world.

CASEY

THE COP

HENRY
ROCKWELL



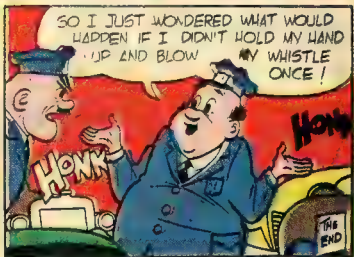
CASEY! HOW DID YOU
LET THESE CARS GET INTO
SUCH A TIE-UP?



WELL, CHIEF, I'VE
BEEN DIRECTING
TRAFFIC HERE FOR
25 YEARS --



SO I JUST WONDERED WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF I DIDN'T HOLD MY HAND
UP AND BLOW MY WHISTLE
ONCE!



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EVERYWHERE

RESCUE FROM THE RAVINE

AS DUSK SETTLES OVER THE WOODS AND THE BOYS PREPARE FOR AN OVERNIGHT CAMPING-TRIP--RAY GOES OFF IN SEARCH OF FIREWOOD, WHEN SUDDENLY...

... HIS FALL LEAVES HIM "BOTTLED" AT THE BOTTOM OF A DEEP RAVINE FAR FROM CAMP WITH NO HOPE OF ESCAPE!

PHUEW! ONLY A FLY COULD CLIMB THESE WALLS! GETTING DARK, TOO... WHAT A JUNK-PILE-- EVEN A SAD OLD FLASHLIGHT BURIED IN THE DIRT...

YIPPEE! IT WORKS! IF ONLY MAC SEES MY SIGNAL...

WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING RAY? HOPE HE-- SAY, THAT LIGHT! S.O.S.! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE...

FOLLOWING RAY'S SIGNAL, MAC SOON REACHES THE RAVINE'S EDGE, LOWERS A ROPE, AND...

LUCKY FOR YOU THAT OLD FLASHLIGHT STILL WORKED!

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WITH
ROBIN

FROM MORNING TILL MIDNIGHT,
BELLS RING THROUGH OUR EVERYDAY
LIFE! GAY WEDDING BELLS, SHRILL
FIRE BELLS, HARRIED AMBULANCE
BELLS, THEY ARE ALL ABOUT US!
THEY JINGLE, THEY CLANG, THEY
CHIME, THEY TINKLE... THEY ARE THE
SOUNDS WE LIVE WITH... BUT WHEN
BELLS BEGIN TO TOLL A KNELL OF
CRIME, THEN BATMAN AND ROBIN
HEAR A RINGING IN THEIR EARS
AS THEY BATTLE...

"The BANDIT of the BELLS!"





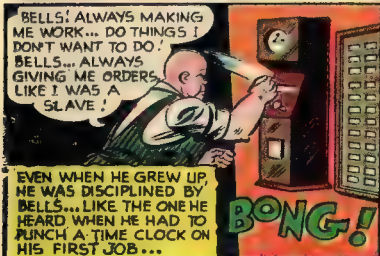
EVER SINCE HE COULD REMEMBER, ED PEALE HATED BELLS! AS A CHILD, HE HATED THE ALARM CLOCK BELL...

BRRRING
RRRRING

I WISH I COULD SLEEP ALL DAY! BUT THAT BELL WAKES ME UP!



BELLS! ALWAYS MAKING ME WORK... DO THINGS I DON'T WANT TO DO! BELLS... ALWAYS GIVING ME ORDERS LIKE I WAS A SLAVE!

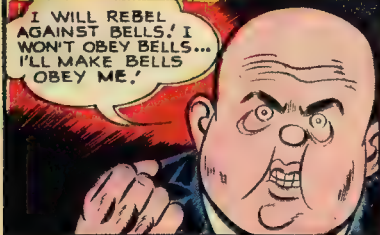


EVEN WHEN HE GREW UP, HE WAS DISCIPLINED BY BELLS... LIKE THE ONE HE HEARD WHEN HE HAD TO PUNCH A TIME CLOCK ON HIS FIRST JOB...

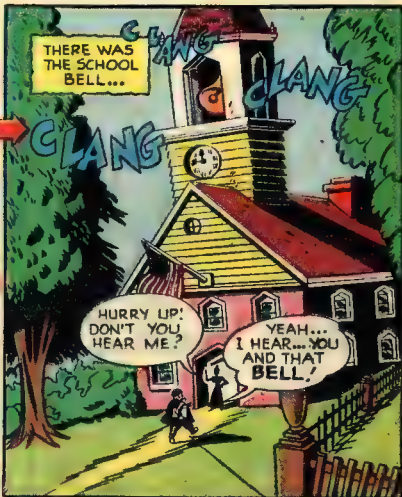
BONG!

THEN ONE DAY PEALE'S BROODING THOUGHTS TOOK VIOLENT ACTION...

I WILL REBEL AGAINST BELLS! I WON'T OBEY BELLS... I'LL MAKE BELLS OBEY ME!



THERE WAS THE SCHOOL BELL...



HURRY UP! DON'T YOU HEAR ME?

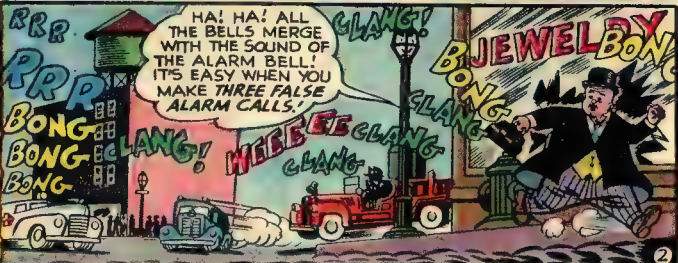
YEAH... I HEAR... YOU AND THAT BELL!

HE READ ALL THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT BELLS, AND SOON HE WAS READY!



I'LL MAKE THEM DO EVIL, CRIMINAL THINGS! CRIME... YES... I'LL BECOME A BANDIT... AND I'LL CALL MYSELF - THE GONG!

A FIRE ENGINE... AN AMBULANCE... A PATROL CAR WERE USED AS A "SOUND COVER" FOR THE GONG'S FIRST CRIME!



HA! HA! ALL THE BELLS MERGE WITH THE SOUND OF THE ALARM BELL! IT'S EASY WHEN YOU MAKE THREE FALSE ALARM CALLS!



HE GOT HIMSELF A GANG, AND ONE NIGHT, AFTER CLUBBING AN ELEVATOR STARTER...

GET GOING, MEN! BY RINGING THE STARTER'S BELL, I'LL SUMMON EVERY ELEVATOR OPERATOR DOWN! NOBODY WILL SPOT YOU CRASHING THE DIAMOND CUTTER'S OFFICE!



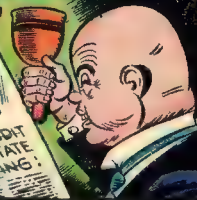
AND SOON THE CRIME ESCAPADES OF THE GONG MAKE HEADLINE NEWS...

HA! HA! I'VE GOT GOTHAM CITY IN THE PALM OF MY HAND. NOW TO RING FOR MY MEN AND TELL THEM MY NEXT JOB!

DING-DONG
DING

GONG
RIKES
AGAIN!!

BEST-BANDIT
LOOTS STATE
BUILDING!



WE HEARD YOUR SIGNAL, BOSS! YOU WANT US?

YES... I'VE PLANNED ANOTHER "BELL" CRIME! SOON THE GONG WILL TOLL BAD NEWS FOR THE LAW AGAIN!



NEXT DAY... WITH THE GONG'S MEN DISGUISED AS A COAST GUARD CREW PATROLLING GOTHAM CITY HARBOR...

WE MUST BE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE WHEN THE FREIGHTER COMES IN! WE'D BETTER MAKE SURE OUR TIME IS RIGHT! CHECK WITH THOSE FISHERMEN!

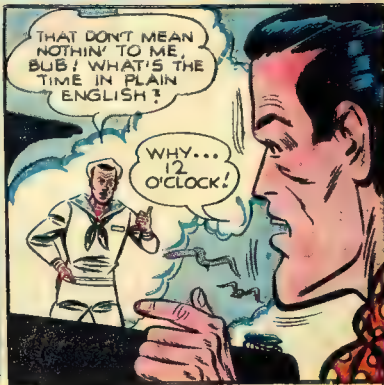


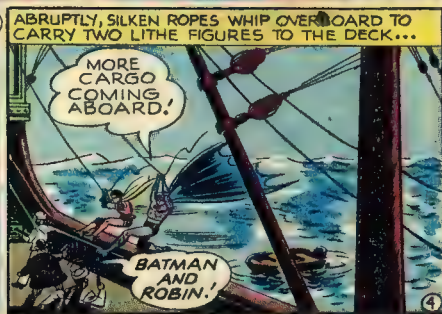
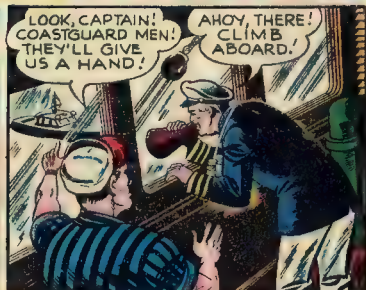
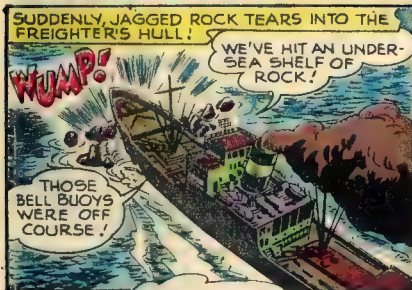
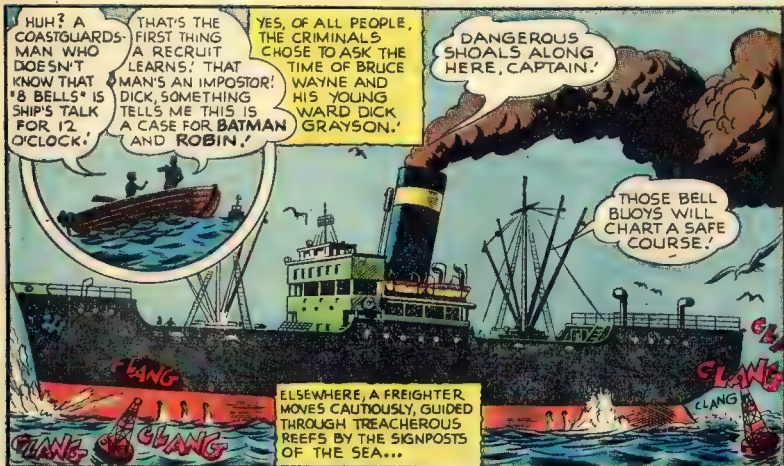
HEY, BUD... GOT THE TIME?

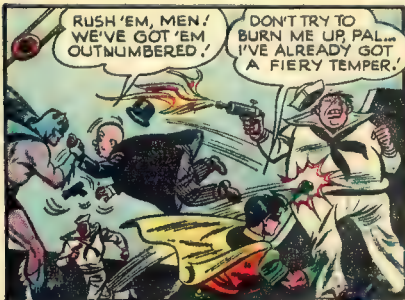
SURE!
IT'S JUST
8 BELLS!

THAT DON'T MEAN NOTHIN' TO ME, BUB! WHAT'S THE TIME IN PLAIN ENGLISH?

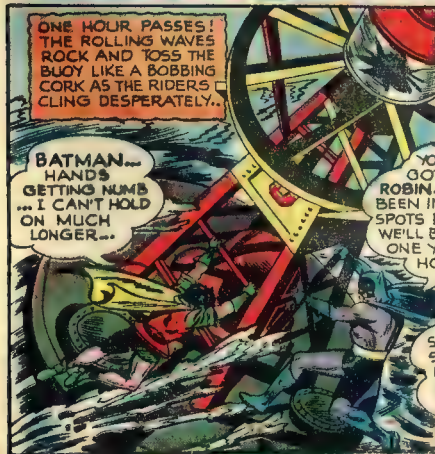
WHY...
12
O'CLOCK!



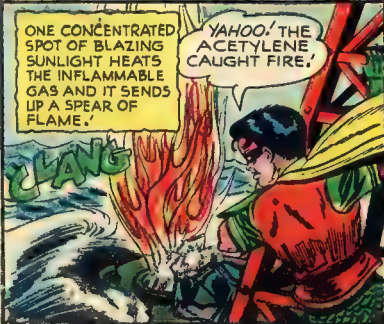




SOON AFTER, SET ADRIFF, THE BUOY RIDES THE CHOPPY WATERS TAKING BATMAN AND ROBIN ON A WILD SEA RIDE...



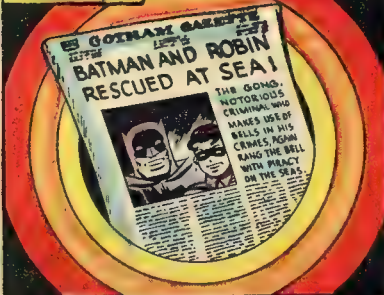
REMOVING A LARGE SLIVER, BATMAN DESCENDS AND HOOKS HIS LEGS ON THE BUOY'S IRON RUNGS AND...



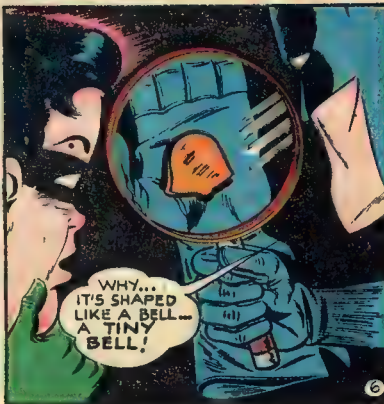
NOT LONG AFTER, A LINER SPOTS THE BEACON'S LIGHT!

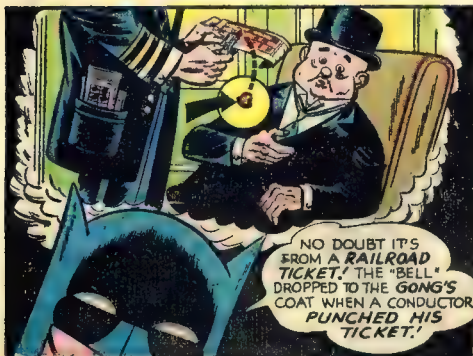


THAT NIGHT... THE NEWS MAKES BANNER HEADLINES...



MEANWHILE, IN THE SUBTERRANEAN BATCAVE...





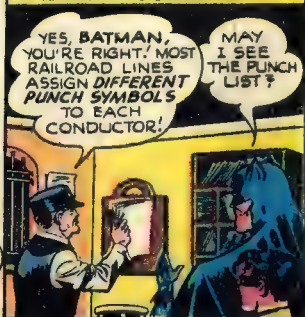
NO DOUBT IT'S FROM A RAILROAD TICKET. THE "BELL" DROPPED TO THE GONG'S COAT WHEN A CONDUCTOR PUNCHED HIS TICKET!

SEE - CONDUCTOR MORTON'S PUNCH SYMBOL IS A BELL!



CONDUCTOR SYMBOLS
LEE GATES ★
ROBERT GEHR ○
JACK TURNER +
HENRY MORTON ♪
NED HERDOY ∟

SOON AFTER, BATMAN CALLS ON A RAILROAD DISPATCHER...



YES, BATMAN, YOU'RE RIGHT! MOST RAILROAD LINES ASSIGN DIFFERENT PUNCH SYMBOLS TO EACH CONDUCTOR!

MAY I SEE THE PUNCH LIST?

AFTERWARD, BATMAN SHOWS CONDUCTOR MORTON A SKETCH DRAWN FROM MEMORY...

DO YOU REMEMBER SEEING THIS MAN?

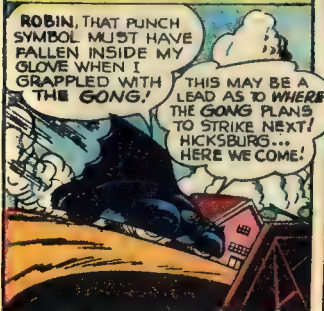


IT'S HARD TO FORGET A FACE AND BODY LIKE THAT! HE GOT OFF AT A LOCAL STOP... A SMALL TOWN ... HICKSBURG!

ONCE AGAIN A "BELL" CLUE POINTS THE WAY TO THE BELL BANDIT!

ROBIN, THAT PUNCH SYMBOL MUST HAVE FALLEN INSIDE MY GLOVE WHEN I GRAPPLED WITH THE GONG!

THIS MAY BE A LEAD AS TO WHERE THE GONG PLANS TO STRIKE NEXT! HICKSBURG... HERE WE COME!



IN HICKSBURG'S TOWN HALL BELL TOWER, THE GONG POSES AS A BELL REPAIRER...



ALL BELLS WEAR AWAY WHEN THE CLAPPER STRIKES THE SAME SPOT CONSTANTLY! I CAN PUT YOUR BELL ON A SWIVEL THAT PERMITS TURNING!

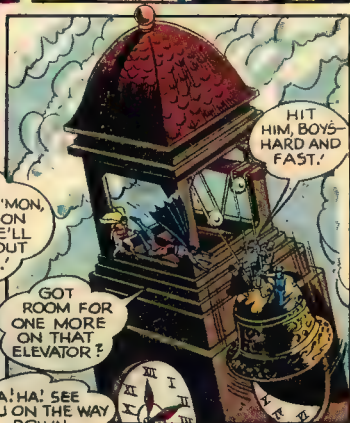
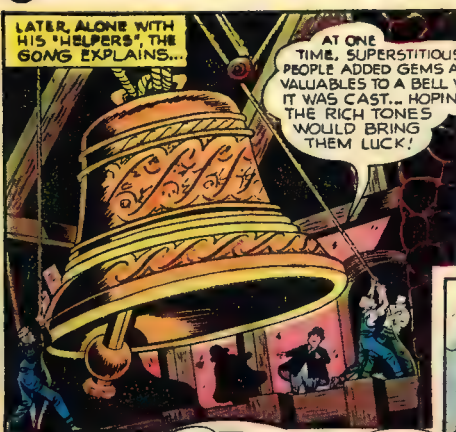
HMM! OKAY, THE JOB'S YOURS! TAKE THE BELL DOWN!

LATER, ALONE WITH HIS 'HELPERS', THE GONG EXPLAINS...

AT ONE TIME, SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE ADDED GEMS AND VALUABLES TO A BELL WHEN IT WAS CAST... HOPING THE RICH TONES WOULD BRING THEM LUCK!

ONLY I KNOW THE TRUE HISTORY OF THIS BELL...FROM OLD RECORDS. IT ONCE BELONGED TO A RICH BUT SUPERSTITIOUS FAMILY! THAT BELL IS CRAMMED WITH GEMS AND GOLD NUGGETS!

NO KIDDIN'!



HIT HIM, BOYS—HARD AND FAST!

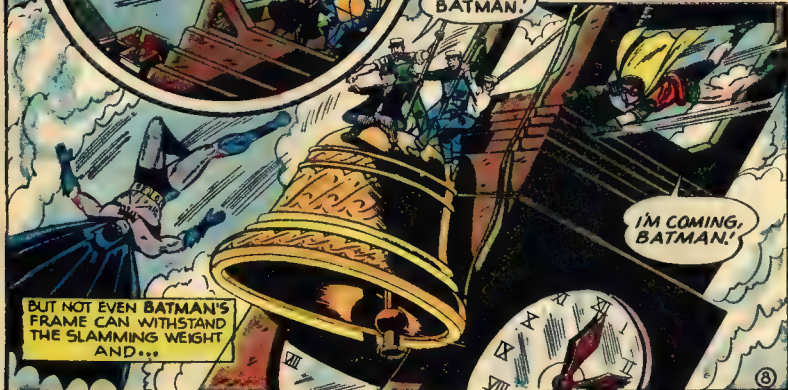
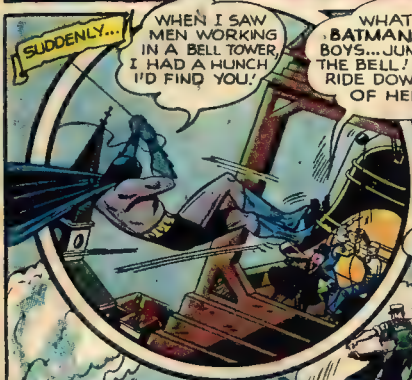
SUDDENLY...

WHEN I SAW MEN WORKING IN A BELL TOWER, I HAD A HUNCH I'D FIND YOU!

WHAT..? BATMAN! C'MON, BOYS... JUMP ON THE BELL! WE'LL RIDE DOWN OUT OF HERE!

GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE ON THAT ELEVATOR?

HA! HA! SEE YOU ON THE WAY DOWN, BATMAN!



I'M COMING, BATMAN!

BUT NOT EVEN BATMAN'S FRAME CAN WITHSTAND THE SLAMMING WEIGHT AND...

LIKE A HUMAN BELL CLAPPER, ROBIN SWINGS OUT PAST THE PLUMMETING FIGURE...

OOF! MY ANKLES!

NICE TIMING, ROBIN!

BUT THE GONG'S GANG REACHES THE GROUND FIRST AND...

THAT SHOULD KEEP THE BATMOBILE OFF OUR TRAIL FOR AWHILE!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

BOOM!
BOOM!!

LATER, AFTER BEING WARNED BY BATMAN, THE POLICE REPORT BACK...

A TRUCK THAT SIZE COULDN'T DISAPPEAR! IT MEANS THE TRUCK IS STILL IN TOWN... HIDDEN SOMEWHERE!

WE'VE GOT PATROLS ON EVERY ROAD, BUT NO SIGN OF THE TRUCK SO FAR!

MEN, DOES HICKSBURG HAVE A SOUND FILM WITH THE CITY HALL BELL CHIMES ON IT?

SURE! WHY!

AFTERWARD, BATMAN EXPLAINS...

ALL OBJECTS RESPOND TO VIBRATIONS AND GIVE OFF A SOUND. I'VE RECORDED THE BELL'S SOUND AND HOPE TO TRACK IT DOWN WITH AN INSTRUMENT CALLED A VARIABLE SONIC OSCILLATOR!

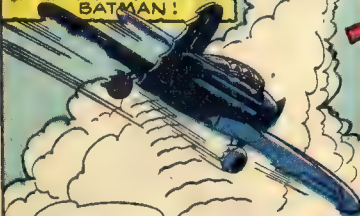
SOON AFTER, IN A LOCAL MOVIE THEATER...

THE TOWN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MADE THIS MOVIE OF THE MAYOR'S CAMPAIGN SPEECH!

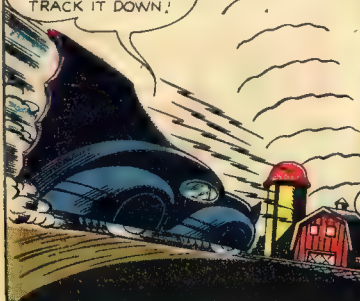
ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS HEARING THE PITCH OF THE CITY HALL BELL!

BONG! BONG! BONG!

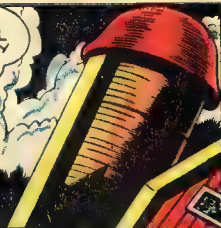
LATER, ROBIN RETURNS WITH THE BATPLANE, AND FROM ABOVE BOMBARDS VARIOUS TOWN SITES WITH SOUND VIBRATIONS... AND AS THE WAVES BOUNCE OFF THEY ARE RECEIVED BY BATMAN!



BATMAN TO ROBIN: WAIT... AM GETTING SOMETHING! YES... IT'S THE SAME PITCH AS THE BELL'S VIBRATIONS! LET'S TRACK IT DOWN!



NO BELL IN THERE! WE'LL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN!



MANY TIMES HAVE BATMAN AND ROBIN BEEN ON A MANHUNT, BUT NEVER BEFORE ON A SOUND HUNT!

SAME VIBRATIONS, BUT STILL NOT THE BELL!



AND AGAIN DISAPPOINTMENT...



FINALLY...

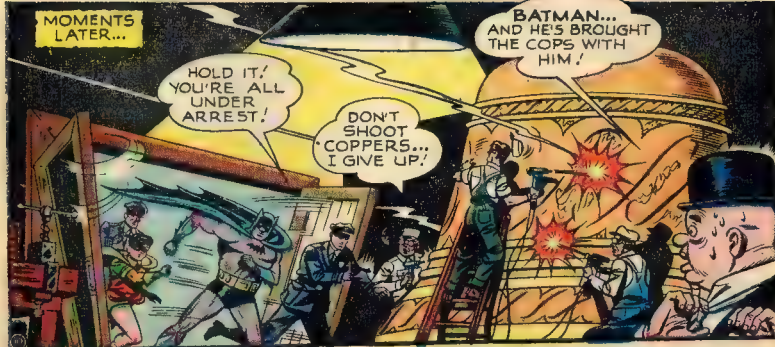
BATMAN TO ROBIN: SIMILAR VIBRATIONS! COME FROM SOMETHING INSIDE THAT REPAIR SHOP! A PERFECT PLACE FOR THE GONG TO CUT UP A BELL!

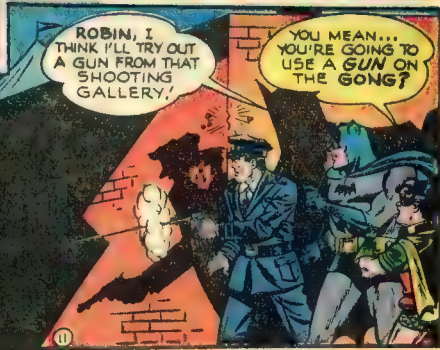
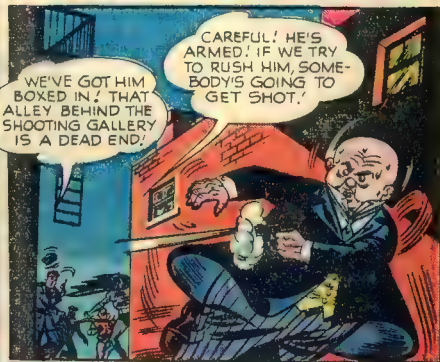
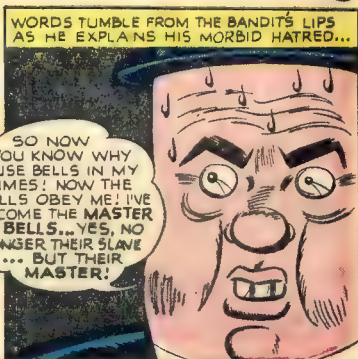
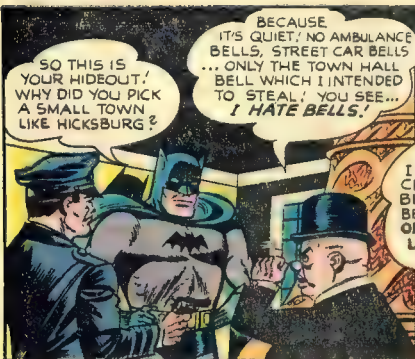
MOMENTS LATER...

HOLD IT! YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!

DON'T SHOOT COPPERS... I GIVE UP!

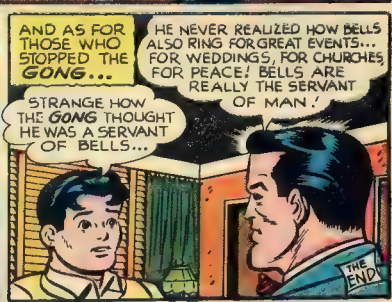
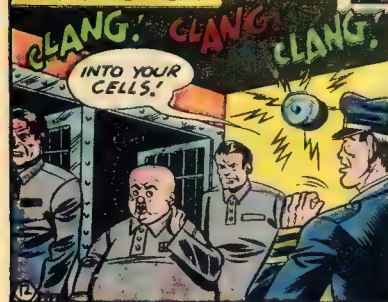
BATMAN... AND HE'S BROUGHT THE COPS WITH HIM!







AND SO THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T OBEY BELLS RECEIVES IRONIC AND JUST REIBUTION!



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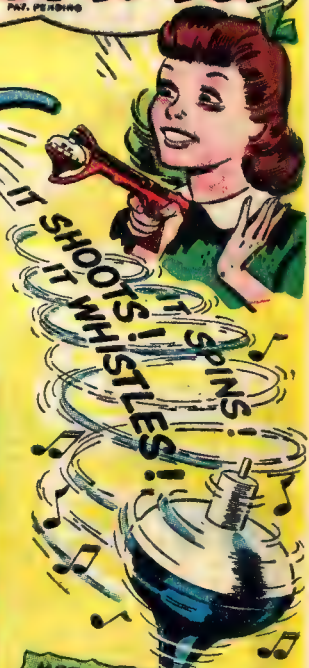
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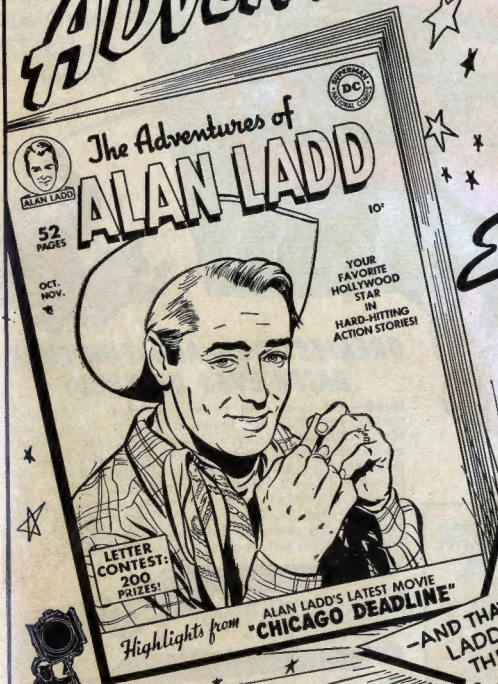
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